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Write it 1908.

The News wishes you a Happy New Year.

The Democratic party will hold its national convention at Denver on July 7, 1908. This is quite a boost for the queen city of the Rockies.

Curb your sporting proclivity in the games boys, as your proneness to err in this line must forever hold in Tucumcari after January 1. The sheriff has gone on record under instructions from attorney general and district judge and district attorney that the wherr of the ball as it courses the circle must lie dead until generations forget.

The News has a right to say Happy New Year to subscribers as we go into 1908 with over 1,000 paid up subscribers in Quay county. We feel that this must be close to the best newspaper list among the weeklies of New Mexico. Notwithstanding the money stringency over the country generally, we feel that we will with our present patronage be able to give them better service this year than last. We will try our best.

The muddy, slushy, sloppy condition of the streets here Christmas Eve and the women wading it reminds us that there is room for improvement in the streets of Tucumcari in 1908. There should be miles of sidewalk built in this city and the city council should get busy and have ordinances complied with. There is not much equity in making one property owner build sidewalk and letting another escape. A canoe was necessary here Wednesday evening in order to get from one side of the street to the other.

1907 has been a very prosperous year up to the last sixty days of it and we should not forget the good things that have fallen into our path when we are using profanity about conditions at present. We have one slim consolation and that is that it may get better some time.

Street crossings must be improved in Tucumcari. If the city can't get the funds for these improvements some other plan must be had. We can't condemn the council if there is no funds with which to do these things but collections should be made and if then these needed improvements can't be made the people should know and let us try to reach some other way of accomplishing it.

Now that we have a water system let us organize a fire company and get ready to protect property that is sometime going to be in danger of destruction. The fact that we have had no serious fires this year is no guarantee that this misfortune will never overtake us. The city must take up this matter for consideration immediately and expend something for equipment of a fire department. Let us think about it.

One thing Tucumcari people should be proud of when Father Time chronicals the advent of 1908, and that is real estate in this city is worth 100 per cent more than a year ago. The population has increased nearly 300 per cent and business in every form is starting out with good prospects for a prosperous year. Our schools are in excellent condition, our county bastille is next thing to empty, the farmers have an abundance of everything needed to carry them through to another crop and the people are in unison for the betterment of our county and city. These are blessings for which we should be thankful.

Quay county has a very fine season in the snow that fell here Saturday morning of last week. People coming in from the country say that it reached a depth of 12 to 14 inches on the level, or nearly as much snow fall as we had November a year ago. There is no better wheat anywhere than we have in Quay county this winter and this snow will push it clear through till spring. The plow is running all over the country now and there is going to be at least two hundred per cent more acre-

age in cultivation this year than last. There are more people in proportion to the population who own their own homes in Quay county than in any other place in the world, the tenant is an unknown quantity here, there is independence here as our forefathers intended it. No mortgages and very little indebtedness among the bread earners of New Mexico. Why should we not love our sunshine territory?

Gambling closes forever in Tucumcari next Wednesday night at 12 o'clock. The games that have been running wide open in this

city since its founding will be history only to the residing generation that will grow to manhood and womanhood here during the next decade and the property and fixtures used in the carrying on of these various gambling games will be consigned to the scrap heap, where as they decay and rot they will be forgotten. The News believes that our local banks will notice an immediate increase in deposits of the wage earners and bread winners of this city who when the games are gone will begin savings accounts with the banks, the merchants will have less difficulty in collecting their month-

ly bills and the more wealth people before in its his. It been the policy the knock no entese o that is licensed law, we believed beith th instead of the n who a business un its Remove the ce and will immediate be d It is the unit verd people of New tico t ing must quit such been passed and should ed; if it proves be u repeal it, but force This paper does not



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